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Dated: June 21, 2006

Signature:

(James J. Napoli)

Docket No.: 13015/39003AUS
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Jeffrey Niederst

Application No.: 10/564,900

Filed: January 17, 2006

For: METAL CONTAINERS HAVING AN EASILY
OPENABLE END AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Confirmation No.: 3438

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted mailed June 7, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and Part 2 Copy of Notice.

Our check in the amount of \$130.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(f) is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper

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hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 13015/39003AUS. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: June 21, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2005

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 130.00)
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| Filing Date | January 17, 2006 |
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

| <u>Application Type</u> | <u>FILING FEES</u> | | <u>SEARCH FEES</u> | | <u>EXAMINATION FEES</u> | | <u>Fees Paid (\$)</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

| <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 50 | 25 |
| 200 | 100 |
| 360 | 180 |

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

| <u>Total Claims</u> | <u>Extra Claims</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> | <u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u> |
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| | | | | <u>Fee (\$)</u> <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> |
| <u>Indep. Claims</u> | <u>Extra Claims</u> | <u>Fee (\$)</u> | <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u> | |

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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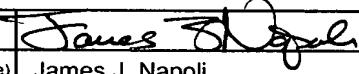
4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1051 Surcharge-Late oath or declaration

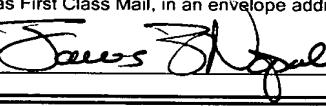
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| 10/564,900 | Jeffrey Niederst | 13015/39003A US |

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/US04/22382

| I.A. FILING DATE | PRIORITY DATE |
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371 FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/17/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/17/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/17/2006
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 01/17/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 01/17/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/17/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 01/17/2006
- Specification filed on 01/17/2006
- Claims filed on 01/17/2006
- Abstracts filed on 01/17/2006
- Drawings filed on 01/17/2006

Docketed: 8-7-06

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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